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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GISCARD VISIT TO ATHENS

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1. WE CONVEYED POINT CONTAINED DEPARTMENT'S REFTEL TO QUAI ACTING DIRECTOR MEDITERRANEAN AFFAIRS (REUILLARD). HE PROMISED TO PASS THEM ON PROMPTLY. REUILLARD PERSONALLY APPEARED VERY RECEPTIVE TO SUGGESTION REFTEL'S SUB-PARA (C), STRESSING, HOWEVER, THAT HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR ELYSEE. HE WAS A SHADE MORE RESERVED WITH RESPECT TO INITIATIVE PROPOSED SUB-PARA (B) PENDING FURTHER STUDY, BUT PROMISED US A REPLY.

2. WITH RESPECT TO GISCARD'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO ATHENS, REUILLARD EXPLAINED THAT TRIP WAS PLANNED IN LAST FEW MONTHS LARGELY AS OPTICAL SIGN OF SUPPORT FOR
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CARAMANLIS ALTHOUGH GOF NOT ABLE HELP CARAMANLIS AS MUCH

AS U.S. FRENCH TOO CONSIDER HIM ONE OF FEW HONORABLE MEN IN GREECE OF STATURE AND CAPACITY TO RETURN GREECE TO STABLE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. GISCARD'S VISIT, WHICH REUILLARD SAID WILL BE FIRST BY CHIEF OF STATE TO CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT,, AND FIRST BY GISCARD TO MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRY OTHER THAN NORTH AFRICA, THEREFORE INTENDED PRIMARILY TO ENCOURAGE CARAMANLIS. PROGRAM FORESEEN PROVIDES FOR NORMAL TOUR D'HORIZON. HOWEVER, WE WERE TOLD THAT NO VERY PROFOUND DISCUSSIONS ARE PLANNED AND THAT NO AGREEMENTS OR ACCORDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED EITHER IN POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC FIELD. (GREEK AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED FOREGOING TO AMBASSADOR RUSH DURING CONVERSATION FRIDAY AFTERNOON.)

3. REUILLARD ADDED THAT GOF HAD DISCUSSED GISCARD'S VISIT WITH TURKS. GOF HAD STRESSED THAT NEITHER GISCARD'S VISIT NOR CURRENT FRENCH EFFORTS ON CYPRUS SHOULD BE VIEWED IN ANKARA AS BEING AIMED AGAINST TURKEY. RATHER THEY ARE INTENDED PRIMARILY TO HELP CARAMANLIS, SINCE FURTHER SETBACKS PARTICULARLY ON CYPRUS QUESTION, COULD ONCE AGAIN JEOPARDIZE GREEK DOMESTIC STABILITY.
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